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SUBJECT: MARTIN BOOKSPAN INTERVIEW FOR VOA

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1. BELIEVE CZECH BOOKSPAN VISIT AND KNOWLEDGE OF CZECH MUSIC AND
COMPOSERS RECORDED IN AND POPULAR IN AMERICA COULD MAKE GOOD
INTERVIEW WITH VOA-CZECH SERVICE.

2. BOOKSPAN, FORMER USIA MUSIC COMMISSION ADVISOR, IS
COORDINATOR OF SYMPHONIC AND CONCERT ACTIVITIES, ASCAP, ONE
LINCOLN PLAZA, NYC. (212) 595-3050, HOME (914) 738-0494. HE ALSO
FORMER PROGRAM DIRECTOR WQXR, AUTHOR OF SUCCESSFUL BOOK ON BEST
RECORDINGS MAJOR SYMPHONIC WORKS (DOUBLEDAY) AND WELL-KNOWN
COLUMNIST AND TV COMMENTATOR. WIFE, JANET, IS PROFESSIONAL
SINGER-DIRECTOR, INTERESTED IN STAGING AMERICAN PREMIERE
DVORAK'S "THE DEVIL AND KATE".

3. SUGGEST QUESTIONS INCLUDE IMPRESSIONS OF MUSICAL LIFE IN
PRAGUE, EXTENT TO WHICH CZECH COMPOSERS HAVE BEEN FEATURED
AT PRESENT AND RECENTLY IN AMERICAN MUSICAL SCENE, AND HIS
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BEST RECORDINGS OF CZECH WORKS ON AMERICAN
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RECORDINGS AND BY AMERICAN COMPANIES.

4. SUGGEST SENDING TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW TO RPO - VIENNA FOR
POSSIBLE INCLUSION SPEKTRUM INSERT.

5. BOOKSPAN IS AFABLE AND HAS GOOD RADIO VOICE (DOES NOT SPEAK
CZECH) AND WILLING TO DO INTERVIEW.
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